THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR

ALLIES PENETRATE DEEPLY INTO ENEMY'S POSITIONS

All Objectives Set Are Attained in Short Order After Brief Artillery Engagement

(By the Associated Press)

gun batteries, cavalry and infantry mains to be seen. sent against them. All the objectives set for the Australians, Canadians, Englishmen and Frenchmen were at-

terial were taken and a score or more straightening the line. villages and hamlets were reoccupied. This day was not marked by organflicted on the enemy.

leas to franklying, wine nears, along the entire and then ed of the from two to five miles were gained was evident a determination to stabilfer to the region around Morlancourt.

The advance of the Allies in the eastward toward Poronne and southward through Rove to Complegue.

took Framerville.

Well out on the plains and pressing forward, seemingly with great rapidity, the present offensive of the French drive should proceed eastward to any great depth it cannot but effect the armies of the German crown prince, now fighting between the Aisne and rupted toward the east. the Vesle and possibly make impracof the Aisne along the Chemin Des

Under the presure of the offensive to the northward from the positions where Crown Prince Rupprecht, had badly shattered and unable to lend sive, it is apparent that Rupprecht cans and their allies.

The historic battle ground between cut off the cross channel service. Amiens and Mondidler again is the On the Vesle front little fighting ress on the Aisne-Marne line, in full \$3,694,703,000, of which \$2,833,083,000 any manner. When an agreement lancourt. scene of a mighty contest. This time occurred Thursday, except in the prothe British and French are the ag- cess of line straightening operations with all their power. gressors, and under their fierce on- on the north bank, where under an This was the impression gained to- 000 from a multitude of miscell cous slaughts in the first day's battle they almost incessant rain of enemy shells day by members of the senate military sources, collected largely in paries, have penetrated deeply into the Ger- both the American and French troops committee who heard Gen. March, dimes and quarters added to the price man positions over a front of more improve their stands. The German chief of staff, explain in executive of various articles paid by const hers, than twenty miles, reaching from the guns not alone are playing upon the session, the war department's reas- and poured into the treasury, reregion of Branches to the neighbor- allied forces, but also are hammering one for asking extension of draft age tailers, wholesalers or manufacturers Following short but intensive artif. over which men constantly are mak- and 45 years of age. They learned Huge as these taxes seem &

AMERICANS FORGE AREAD

tained in remarkably quick time, and With the American Army on the bring its whole man-power to bear \$317,553,000 from whiskey, brandy, at last accounts Thursday night the Vesle, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated immediately, may be significant, Gen. wine and spirits, and 126,285,900 from allied forces were still making prog- Press.)-Under an incessant shellfire Foch's smashing blow which has flat- beer and other fermented liquors. Tax ress. Whenever the enemy turned to the Americans struggled forward togive battle he was decisively defeated. day to slightly better positions north has thrown the whole German front bacco products yielded \$156,188,000. Thousands of Germans were made of the Vesle. French division to the from Rheims to the sea into jeopardy After income, excess profits, figuor prisoners. Large quantities of war ma- east and the west did their part in was struck July 15 with American and tobacco taxes, the biggest yield

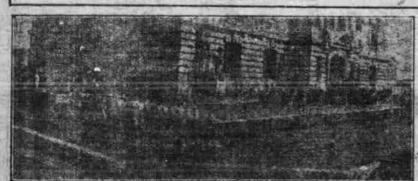
In addition heavy casualties were in- ized attacks enywhere along the front, cess of that blow had influenced which went into effect November but was punctuated by sharp minor American officials who continuously amounting to \$70,734,000. At its deepest point the penetration engagements in which the American have pressed for a vigorous aggresof the German line was about seven gunner's successfully covered the op- sive campaign at the earliest possible TENNESSEE LEADS SOUTHand a half miles eastward from Viller crations of the infantry and the cogl

The fighting extended north of Mor- begun July 18 has virtually ended or full American force becomes available throughout the month of July in relancourt to the Albert sector, but no whether the Germans will withdraw The period of time covered by esti-cruiting men for service under the could only come here with German official details concerning it have beyond the Aisne are unanswered mates for equipment and transporta- Red Triangle of the Army and Navy consent. center places them well astride the already north of the river there was up to next spring. railroad leading from Villiers-Breton- added considerable strength during As the project is understood, al- the figures were tabulated. In fact, neux to the important junction at the night and early this morning. The though no details were available, it Tennessee led all seven states of the Chaulnes, where lines radiate north- line tonight is well fized along the is contemplated to place an army of Southeastern Department in the re-Rouen-Rheims road from near Baz-The rallway running northward to oches, which still is in the hands of campaign opens, backed by 2,000,000 for "Y" work with the allies, accord- movie-man who carries a portable Braye was crossed when the Allies the Germans, to a point well east of more at home, moving forward as ing to the State Recruiting Secretary, outfit along with him. giving shows of the enemy offered prolonged resisof north of Fismes proved different and British gives promise of serious- and at midday was subjected to a ter- last few months becomes increasingly the War Personnel Board for the Y. iraveling along a shell-swept road bely menacing the entire German front rific shelling by the American artil- significant. Coupled with the French M. C. A. in the Southeast reports from hind the lines in France. He picked from near the sea to Rhelms. It the lery with the intention of making it and American efforts, this gives prom Atlanta headquarters that 209 men up an Army chaplain for a ride to a

ticable a stand by them even north gun positions in Fismes and to the destroyed in the field. offered by them that resulted in the the menace of the channel ports also American determination not to atseems for the moment at least to van- tempt occupation by the infantry but appearance before the senate commit-

formed his men for a drive toward the Germans are making nothing more channel that a retrogade movement by than a pretense of holding their lines no such statement, he said. the Germans was not improbable, here. The testimony of prisoners to-With the armies of his imperial cous- day continue to indicate that positions "BONE DRY LAW" in on the Solssons-Rheims salient beyond the Aisne have been prepared him aid when his own forces north of by the Germans and that the present

A CORN SHOW THAT BROUGHT CROWDS



In the fall of 1917 Maury county tire county, it served its purpose. And held this corn show on its agricultural the crowds came to see it. educational day. It was placed in the Many countles this year, as a stimcourt house yard. Arranged as it was, ulus to war production, will hold simind being so representative of the en- far shows.

GENERAL MARCH GIVES REASONS FOR BIG ARMY

Plans Call For Reserve Army of 2,000,000 Men at Home to Be Sent to France When Called For.

troops, Field Marshall Foch, supreme tail today by a report of Internal Revcommander of the American and alli- enue Commissioner Roper to Secreed armies, is preparing to hurl the en- tary McAdoo for the year ending June tire united military strength of France 30. The figures are considered es-Great Britain and the United States pecially important because they will front in order to bring the war to a committee as a partial basis for high-victorious conclusion in the shortest er taxes in the new revenue bill which will have to defer his campaign to possible time, Next spring will see is to raise \$8,000,000,000. Total pernthe terrific conflict, already in prog- al reveune for the year amounted to

away at bridges across the stream limits to include all men between 18 to help meet war costs. before the tanks, mortor machine have on the Vesle-Aisne front re- cordance with an agreement reached is now spending money. in Paris shortly before that time.

decided to more than double the great scedule, liquor taxes brought in the effort it already was making and to most money, \$443,838,000, including tened out the Aisne Marne sailent and es on cigars, cigaretts and other totroops bearing their full share, from any other cource came from lev-

It appeared possible that the suc- ies on mansportation and utilities, moment and with attention concentra-

that enough could be done this year ize the lines. Whether the battle that military triumph next year when the only ran neck and neck with Georgia

substantially three million American cruiting campaign last month with 83 troops in France before the spring men obtained from June 25 to July 29 Fismes. The Americans hold Fismes needed. In this connection, intima- F. M. Massey, who makes his head- in dugouts, barns, tents and whereapparently, securely, but the village tions that the British have made ex-quarters at the local Tennessee State ever he can set up his machine and traordinary efforts to concentrate Y. M. C. A. offices. troops on the western front in the untenable. With that small point once like of such overwhelming forces in the have been recommended by that body neighboring outpost. In a few minucleared, the line woulr run uninter-The Germans have strong machine driven beyond the Rhine it it is not

newspaper men later in the day, Gen. bia University, New York City. March dealt with the battle situation in general terms and referred to his ish. Already there have been signs to destroy the enemy with artillery, tee only to deny a report that he had It is still generally believed that the fixed the military program at landing eighty-four American divisions in France by next May. He had made

Nashville, August 6.-Chief Justice Montdidier are in a rather precarious action is to gain time and inflict as Neil, delivering the opinion in the suposition as a result of the new offen- much loss as possible on the Ameri- preme court this afternoon declared the "bone dry law" passed at the last soldiers to aid in the work. The Amer session of the legislature constitution- ican Wood Reduction company, the alal. The cases came up from Tipton cohol plant, is making rapid strides county, in West Tennessee, and in them the validity and constutionality of the "bone dry law" had been attacked.

body of the bill was broader than its caption. The supreme court upheld the statute, which was enacted in 1917 | acid. and which prohibits all movement of intoxicating liquors in this state. As LONG-RANGE GUN construed by the court the act prohibits the transportation of liquor with in the boundry of the state regardless of the source of the liquor and without regard to the purpose for which bombardment of the Paris region by the liquor is transported.

tood for our allies and our soldiers and sailors?

WAR TAXES RUN

INTO BILLIONS

Washington, Aug. 5 .- How the government coffers were filled with billions in taxes gathered from a wide Washington, Aug. 7.—Backed by a stamps on playing eards to huge levies eservoir of five million American on excess profits, was shown in de-

against the Germans on the western be used by the house ways and means tax payments in June, and \$85,619,-

lery preparation and aided by misty ing their way to the northern bank of also that the definite decision to en- aggregate, collections for the entire weather the Allied attack took the the stream to reinforce their comrads large the American military program year were only enough to pay the na-Germans completely by surprise and already there. What effect the pres- to an army of five million men was tion's bills for two and a half months they fled almost everywhere pell mell ent battle southeast of Amiens is to reached about July 30 and is in ac- of war at the rate the government

Next to income and excess profits The date when the United States taxes, the backbone of the revenue

tingent and emerged in the lead when not in league with the Germans.

battle next year that a comparatively for Red Triangle secretarial service tes they were speeding along a stretch short and bitter fight may see the during July. These men are all of of road which the big shells were issue decided and the German army the highest type of Southern business whizzing. and professional men and well no north and east. It was the opposition In his midweekly conference with the short training course at Colum-

CONSTRUCTION OF ARSENAL

Kingsport, Aug. 6.—Perhaps Kings- pause. port was never a busier town than at the present moment. All her industries are running overtime, but with Edgefield arsenal, the big shell fac- movie-man, as he swerved the Red the weather will not destroy even the CONSTITUTIONAL tory now under construction is going Triangle automobile to avoid a shell paint on it. forward, but the construction force hole. will be increased within a few days

with the arrival of several hundred AMERICAN ATHLETICS The effort was made to declare the at the Federal Dye and Chemical corlaw invalid on the grounds that the poration for the manufacture of the big government contract in pieric

the German long range connon today.

Are you "doing your bit" in saving In the South, 860 county agents Tennessee farmers produced more increase crop production.

REGARDING WIRE SYSTEMS

General Burleson states that the govermental operation and control of the variety of sources ranging from telephone systems of the country would undoubtedly cause the coordination and consolidation of competshows that negotiations were already number of competing telephone syswill not disturb these negotiations in is reached between telephone companshould be submitted to the Post Ofno negotiations with a view of consol- and many guns have been taken. idation have yet begun, the Postmaster

> to the companies taking up such necould actually be consummated.

> GERMANS PLUNDER "SACRED" PALACE OF BELGIAN KING

(Copywrirght, 1918 by New York Times Company.)

Amsterdam, Aug. 5 .- (Dispatch to the London Daily Express.) - The Ger mans are beginning to plunder King Albert's private belongings in Belgium, which they have often declared to be sacred to them.

For the last week German, Belgian and Dutch emissaries have come to Holland from Belgium with pictures and pieces of furniture known to belong to the royal collections. Among them are a bookcase adorned with

There are also paintings which are points after sharp fighting, and many

tion of troops under the enlarged Y. M. C. A. overseas, but in th clast treasurers is such that they could not questions. To the American forces army plan is understood to carry it week forged ahead of the Cracker con be smuggled in by thieves who were

SHELL-SONG TUNES

An American Army Y. M. C. A curtain, hiding his lights at the same Dr. W. W. Alexander, director of time from watchful German eyes, was

doubt soon be in France, after taking the chaplain, as he listened to the hum overhead.

"I thought the same thing when I first heard 'em," said the "Y' movie-

"What tune did it sound like to you?" asked the chaplain, after a

"First it was 'Home, Sweet Home,

was the reply. "And then?"

"Nearer my God to Thee," said the

NEW TO THE FRENCH

to completion and expects to be in War Work Council, Y. M. C. A. has operation by the first of October, just returned from France. He found Transformations are going on rapidly a virgin field for athletics in the French army. He modified the rules of baseball, volleyball, indoor baseball and quoits, which games took quickly with the pollus. They enter into the sports, new to them, with spirit. Teaching the French soldiery how to play and forget the horrors CONTINUES TO ROAR of the trenches, while at rest billets, Paris, Aug. 7.—There was a further A. physical directors assigned to the French army at the request of the

were at work last year helping to of practically every food and feed crop this year than last.

London, Aug. 8.-Field Marshal ing systems wherever possible. Inves- Haig's statement concerning the new tigation by the committee in charge offensive by the British and French of the telegraph and telephone service troops shows that the enemy time has under way for the consolidation of a a half in the center at Piessiere, which tems at the time the government assum that goodly gaths also have been made ed control. The Postmaster-General casiwar! need the front of fifteen miles lying between Plessiere and Mor

The statement says that no estimate can be made concerning the prisoners, guns and material captured fice Department for approval. Where but that several thousand prisoners

The text of the statement follows: General stated there is no objection "The operations commenced this morning on the Amiens front by the gotiations with the understanding that French first army under command of any agreement reached would have to General Debentry and the British be finally approved by him before it fourth army under Sir Henry Rawlinson, are proceeding successfully. The thing like 12,000, and that chart wa assembly of alifed troops was completed under cover of night, untouch- to do with casualties in the pr ed by the enemy.

"At the hour of assault, French Canadian, Austrailian and English divislons, assisted by a large number of British tanks, stormed the Germans on it was found that in a front of over twenty miles, from men into class I for the Avre river at Branches, in the neighborhood of Morlancourt. The enemy was taken by suprise and at contain a provisi all points the Allied troops have made President to call rapid progress.

"At an early hour our first objectives had been reached on the whole tween 18 ar of the front attack. During the morn ing the advance of the Allied infantry found elig continued actively assisted by British cavalry, light tanks and mortor ma-

"The resistance of German divisions

captured by our troops. "The French troops, attacking with great gallantry, crossed the Avre river and despite the enemy's opposition

carried hostile defenses. "North of the Somme, the greater port of our final objectives were gain- Express from A ed before noon, but in the neighbor- ported that prope hood of Chipilly and south of Lancourt (Morlancourt?' parties of the

"In both localities the fighting was harbors. More than fif heavy, but ultimately our troops broke are said to have disappeared. down the opposition of the German infantry and gained their objectives.

"Assisted by our light tanks and ar- Many others have been arrested as nored cars, cavalry passed through Kiel and elsewhere it is said. the infantry and beyond our objectives "They seem to sing a song," said and limbers in their retreat, and capturing villibes and taking many pris-

> concerning the number of prisoners or guns or the amount of material captured, but it is known that several thousand prisoners and many guns Von Holtzendorff as chief of the na-

Store the farm machinery so that

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY BAKER EXPLAINING AGE LIMITS

Press interview by the Secretary of War, August 3, 1918:

"I have before me a copy of the Washington Times carrying a statement that Gen. Pershing estimates United States casualties at 12,000, and says that Gen. March said that to the Military Affairs Committee. That is not so. Gen. March said nothing on the subject, nor did I. Nobody said anything on that subject or anything like it, that I can recall.

"There was a chart showing the total number of casualties in the Amer ican Expeditionary Force up to the present time, of all kinds, from a sources, and that aggregated some shown, but it had nothing whatev drive.

Age Limits In New "All the possible age limits were caref

London volt by Ger tion of the su culation accord men incited sailors

ficers and surrende

seek an opportunity to

get themselves interr Twenty-three of the rangleaders the revolt are reported to have bee arrested and sentenced to death

The correspondent who sends the riding down the German transport reports admits that the stories are conflicting and the facts difficult to

The men behind the movement, the accounts state, are revolutionary sail-"No accurate estimate can be given ors who for some time past have been conducting propaganda with the object of stopping the submarine war because of the increased dangers.

The recent resignation of Admiral val staff is declared to have been connected with the scandal. Emperor. William, it is added, has abandoned an intended visit to the fleet at Wilhelmshaven this week because of the ferment there.

OUR PLEDGE!

To devote the columns of the Comet to the National service by doing everything we can, in every way we can, to help win this war.

H. W. Lyle, Publisher